

Application No. 10/516,570  
Reply to Office Action dated August 9, 2007

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-3. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-3, and include a New Sheet, Figure 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets and a New Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11 and 15-18 are pending in this application. Claims 10 and 12-14 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11 are currently amended.

The Examiner objected to drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83 for failing to show certain features of claims 1, 4, 5 and 14. Claim 14 has been canceled. New Figure 4 shows the features of claims 1, 4 and 5 requested by the Examiner and the specification has been amended to include a description of Figure 4. No new matter has been introduced. Please see original claims 1, 4 and 5, and the original specification at page 5, line 25 to page 6, line 2 and page 6, lines 27-33. Formal figures also are being submitted herewith.

The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 5 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over EP-1101943 A by Weitkamp in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,207,777 issued to Bervang. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections.

Independent claim 1 recites, “[a] wind power installation comprising: a pylon having a head; a winch; at least one deflection roller; and at least one cable passage means in the region of the pylon head for passing therethrough a hauling cable from the winch, wherein the winch is mounted on a vehicle at the base of the wind power installation.” Independent claim 6 recites, “[a] method of fitting/removing components of a wind power installation comprising: transporting a winch mounted on a transport vehicle to a base of the wind power installation, laying a hauling cable from the winch to at least one deflection roller in a region of a pylon head and further to a component to be fitted/removed, attaching the hauling cable to the component, and releasing and letting down or pulling up and fixing the component.” Independent claim 8 recites, “[a] wind power installation, comprising: a pylon; a base; a pod; and means for moving an object with respect to the pod, wherein the means for moving an object with respect to the pod is at least partially contained within the pod and includes a winch mounted on a transport vehicle.”

Weitkamp discloses a winch 60 which is permanently mounted to a pylon foundation. There is a single structure which comprises the winch, the foundation, the tower, the

crane arms and its ends. See Figure 3 of Weitkamp. Bervang discloses a gripping unit on a vehicle with a crane. Thus Weitkamp and Bervang both teach complete lifting systems with all the components connected together in a single structure, and thus both teach away from the claimed subject matter. In contrast, the independent claims recite a system in which the winch and the supporting structure are separate. One would not be motivated to combine Weitkamp and Bervang because there is no need in Weitkamp for the crane of Bervang (and no need in Bervang for the winch of Weitkamp), and because coupling the gripping unit of Bervang to the winch of Weitkamp would be complicated, which is contrary to the simple structure of Weitkamp. Further, moving the winch of Weitkamp to the vehicle of Bervang would not facilitate raising the crane of Bervang, which is not designed to be used with a winch mounted on the vehicle with the gripping unit. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1, 6 and 8 are not rendered obvious by Weitkamp, alone or in combination with Bervang. Applicant further believes that Bervang is not prior art, and reserves the right to swear behind Bervang. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, claim 7 depends from claim 6 and claims 9, 11 and 15-18 depend from claim 8, and are thus allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

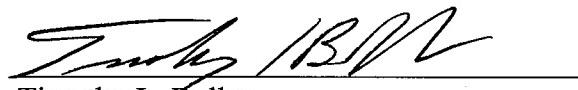
The Examiner rejected claims 8-10 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by EP 1101936 by Nickelsen. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections. Independent claim 8 recites a winch mounted on a transport vehicle. Nickelsen does not teach, suggest or motivate a winch mounted on a transport vehicle as recited. Accordingly, claim 8 and claims 9 and 16 which depend from claim 8, are not anticipated by Nickelsen.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosures:

- 3 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures 1-3)
- 1 New Sheet (Figure 4)

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